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February 27, 2005

Mr. Vernon Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1915 K Street Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Williams:

This is with reference to AB33 (Sub No. 201X). We are requesting that we be given an additional 180 days in which to finalize the negotiations to acquire this railroad right-of-way for conversion to a trail as outlined by federal legislation.

This particular line, located in Franklin County, Iowa, between Coulter and Hampton continues to be of interest to the Iowa Trails Council and to the Franklin County Conservation Board, which the Council represents.

We are forwarding ten copies of this request to the Board and sending copies of this request to the Legal Counsel for the Union Pacific Railroad in Chicago and to the Real Estate Offices of the Railroad in Omaha. We trust that you will receive confirmation of the Union Pacific's agreement to granting of this extension of time shortly.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


Tom F. Neenan

Affiliates: American Discovery Trail Society-American Hiking Society-Rails/Trails Conservancy-American Trails